IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH

DANIEL JONES,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; and GEROALD STRINGER, in his official and individual capacity,

Defendants.

MEMORANDUM DECISION AND ORDER GRANTING STAY

Case No. 1:17-cv-00138-DN

District Judge David Nuffer

The United States, through its counsel, moved to hold this matter in abeyance while Plaintiff pursues a Federal Employee's Compensation Act, 5 U.S.C. § 8101, *et seq.* claim ("FECA"). In the Complaint, Plaintiff asserts a claim for relief pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2671,1331 and 1346(b), as a result of injuries sustained in a car crash that occurred on July 15, 2015, on Hill Air Force Base. At the time of the incident, Plaintiff "was a federal employee acting within the scope of his federal employment" and therefore his exclusive remedy is FECA. At the time the Motion to Stay was filed, Plaintiff had not filed a FECA claim with the Department of Labor. Plaintiff does not oppose the Motion to Stay. Based on the foregoing and for good cause appearing;

¹ Motion to Hold Matter in Abeyance ("Motion to Stay"), docket no. 8, filed December 26, 2017.

² Complaint, ¶¶ 4, 8-12, docket no. 2, filed August 28, 2017.

³ *Id*. at 1.

⁴ *Id*.

⁵ Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's Motion to Hold Matter in Abeyance, docket no. 10, filed January 10, 2018.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion to Stay⁶ is GRANTED. This case is STAYED pending final decision of the Secretary of Labor regarding coverage for Plaintiff's claims under the FECA.

Dated May 8, 2018.

BY THE COURT:

David Nuffer

United States District Judge

⁶ <u>Docket no. 8</u>, filed December 26, 2017.